

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
FINAL: Minutes for December Meeting
12/10/04

Robin Plance Chair
800 NE Oregon Ave., 6:08 to 8:13 PM
Minutes taken by Steve Gunther
Present at meeting:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance	(b) (6)	St. Johns Chair, Administrative committee coordinator
Peter Laughingwolf	(b) (6)	Cathedral Park
Environment: Joe Keating	(b) (6)	Oregon Wildlife Federation
Rhett Lawrence	rhett@ospirg.org	OSIRG
At-Large: Jim Robison	(b) (6)	Citizen
Jackie Calder		Citizen
Recreation: Bill Barrett	(b) (6)	Waterfront Org. of Oregon (WOO)
Bill Egan	no email (b) (6)	Oregon Bass and Panfish Club
Business: Steve Gunther	(b) (6)	Progressive Products and Services

Excused absences:

Neighborhood Associations:

Larry Talbert	(b) (6)	Hi Noon
Recreation: Raquel Coyote	(b) (6)	Citizen
At-Large: Bill McCauley	no email, (b) (6)	Citizen
Environment: Dorothy Shoemaker	(b) (6)	Sierra Club (b) (6)
Travis Williams	travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org	Willamette Riverkeeper
Health: Jane Harris	jane@oregon-health.org	Oregon Center for Environmental Health (OCEH)
<u>Others present:</u> Jim Anderson	DEQ	Anderson.jim@deq.state.or.us
Barbara Smith	Lower Willamette Group	Barbara@harrisandsmith.com

Chip Humphrey	EPA	humphrey.chip@epa.gov
Kim Cox	City of Portland	kimc@bes.ci.portland.or.us
Sue Safford	Port of Portland	saffos@portptld.com
Heidi Helwig	USACE	heidi.g.helwig@usace.army.mil
Doug Clarke	USACE	doug.a.clarke@usace.army.mil
Judy Smith	EPA	smith.judy@epa.gov
(b) (6)	citizen	(b) (6)

Meeting began at 6:08 pm.

Next meeting set for January 12th, 2005 @ 6 pm same location.

Announcements:

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Sue Safford promoted T-4 early action event sponsored by the Port of Portland at the St. Johns Community Center saturday between 1 to 4 pm.

Next week, 12/16/04, thursday, 2 pm in Salem meeting of the Willamette River Cleanup Authority.

Topics will be a presentation on the Portland Harbor Superfund update by Lower Willamette Group, EPA, DEQ and Tribes. Economic barriers to redevelopment and public testimony.

Rhett asked if there were any restrictions on allowable coments. Jim Anderson said he did not think so.

MOTION: Accept Minutes of the December meeting. Corrections of the minutes offered by Steve Gunther in regards to EPA grant awarded (\$100K to Philadelphia Co.Moved by Jim Robison, seconded by Steve Gunther, approved.

Joe Keating gave his new email address, (b) (6).

Joe and Jim discussed the letter to PRPs that the CAG agreed to at prior meeting. This letter will be forwarded to Robin for distribution.

Joe Keating asked about campaign to promote stewardship of the Portland Harbor. The stewardship program should be developed at a future meeting.

Steve moved that the stewardship program be place on the agenda for the next meeting Questions arose about the draft flyer describing the PHCAG. Jim Robison moved to finalize the PHCAG flyer after the Admin. Committee approval, Rhett seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstention, Bill Egan.

Evaluation Committee is set to meet at the OCEH office on friday on 12/10/04.

Administration Committee will communicated online to resolve issues facing this committee. Robin will initiate the discussion.

Robin discussed the request by some members about the possibility of closed meetings where the PHCAG could discuss related topics outside the presence of agencies and stakeholder. Jim Robison expressed concern about being open to the community.

Peter Laughlinwolf agreed to maintain the CAG website. Steve Gunther agreed to take minutes at this meeting.

Robin brought up maintaining files of PHCAG documents, minutes and CAG records. It was agreed that Dorothy, if she agrees to continue to maintain PHCAG records.

Doug Clarke, Chief of Programs & Project Management for the US Army Corp of Engineers made a power point presentation on the role and activities of the Corp. The Portland district for the Corps covers most of western Oregon, some of southern Washington, but does not include Klamath Basin. Army Corps, Portland district has more than 50 people deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Bill Egan asked about dry land dumping. DMMP, Dredged Material Management Program will cover sampling to characterize material and determination will be made after 2 year evaluation. The cost is estimated to be \$1 million for this evaluation. Peter asked about jurisdiction and whether EPA could veto plans of the Corps. Joe Keating asked if the Corps could include the PHCAG in their mailing list for the Environmental Impact Statement? Doug Clarke mentioned that funding has not been secured to execute the RI. He agreed to provide information at a future date on dredging technologies and dredging equipment.. Bill Egan told the Corps that the understanding was that Schnitzer's permit required closed clamshell dredging and he observed use of open clamshell at the site. Bill also suspects that Schnitzer was working outside their maintenance dredge area and was dredging in an area that held contaminants that may have been resuspended. It was noted that the Corps does not have funding to inspect for compliance of the dredging permits. Doug Clarke mentioned that there were no complaints about Schnitzer's dredging during their operation and that no one from the EPA or DEQ brought any of the concerns these observations to the Corps attention. Doug Clarke will go back and find out more about the issues and concerns that the PHCAG brought up.

Robin Plance adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.